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July 1, 2009

Mr. William T Fujioka  
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Dear Mr. Fujioka:

**CLASSIFICATIONS FOR ADDITION TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S  
EXEMPTIONS TO THE HIRING FREEZE**

Upon review of the "Exemption to the Hiring Freeze" document issued by your office on February 25, 2009, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) has identified seven additional classifications critical to the operation of the Department. These additional classifications for exemption from the hiring freeze are:

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Item Classification</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 4336            | Senior Criminalist         |

Reason for Exemption

Senior Criminalists perform scientific analysis of evidence, including sexual assault evidence, crime scene collection of biological evidence and provides expert testimony in court. Hiring trained and experienced Senior Criminalists provide for critically needed scientific forensic analysis with significant cost and time savings.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Item Classification</u>                                |
|-----------------|---|
| 1551            | Automated Fingerprint Identification System Technician I  |
| 1552            | Automated Fingerprint Identification System Technician II |

Reason for Exemption

The Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Technician I and II Classifications search and verify fingerprints through the Department of Justice AFIS

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terminals for sheriff's stations and other agencies; draft letters to the courts regarding fingerprint comparisons and manually block and code fingerprint cards. This highly technical assignment performs a duty which exposes the County to great civil liability. This service is provided 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for agencies throughout the County. Due to certification and experience requirements, no other classification in the Department is capable of performing these functions.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Item Classification</u>         |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 2591            | Information Systems Analyst II     |
| 2559            | Network Systems Administrator II   |
| 2593            | Senior Information Systems Analyst |

Reason for Exemption

These classifications form the backbone of the Department's information technology infrastructure. These classifications analyze and develop systems; perform critical support and maintenance for mission-critical programs; analyze and maintain data connectivity throughout the Department, with other County entities, and with State/Federal agencies. This includes support for emergency systems, data connectivity for inmate health care systems, systems supporting the provision of Title 15 mandated services, anti-terrorism data transfer, and data connections between Los Angeles County law enforcement agencies.

| <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Item Classification</u>   |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 2492            | Computer Operator Specialist |

Reason for Exemption

Computer Operator Specialists maintain and operate the Mobile Digital Communications System (MDCS); the command and control system for all three Field Operations Divisions, Court Services Division's field units, Transportation Bureau, and the Office of Public Safety. They provide end-user technical support for sworn and professional staff 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Failure to adequately staff this position could result in the loss of all Department computer-aided dispatch and hand-held radio communications.

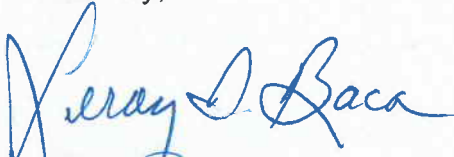
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Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Chief David Betkey of Technical Services Division, at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,



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